A PRAYER
FOR PEACE
Uniting Church in Australia
National Assembly
Prayer For Peace In Palestine

Provided by the Uniting Church in Australia National Working Group on Worship.

God of peace,

We pray for peace in Palestine, the land where the Prince of Peace walked long ago;

Let there be an end to the cycle of violence and vengeance that has prevailed there for so long;

Let there be an end to the frequent killing and maiming of people, victims of hate and prejudice;

Let there be an end to all political agendas that justify and prolong the conflict.

God of peace,
hear our prayer.

Bring justice for all the people of Palestine regardless of race, culture or religion;

Sustain the courage and determination of all those who work for peace and keep them strong in the face of threats and persecution;

Establish such mutual respect and harmony between Christians and Muslims that they will live and work together for the sake of all.

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Jerusalem Prayer

From the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem for the World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel 2011.

Isaiah 2:1-5; 11:9

“In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it....”

“They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea....”

Almighty and Merciful God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, you gathered the first Christians in Jerusalem. Grant that, like the first church of Jerusalem, we may come together, and with courage, we may preach and live the Word, and the good news of truth, reconciliation, and peace.

God Creator, Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Initiator of Love, you made the world and everything in it. You created the human race in your image and likeness, and gave us the earth for all to share. Break down the walls that separate us.

God of Justice, your generosity is without bounds. Guard us from selfishness; inspire us to be instruments of love, and witnesses of your mercy and justice. Help us to face challenges and to struggle against all that is born of injustice. Lead us to act together in places and situations of want and need: where families are driven from their homes, where the vulnerable suffer in the hands of the powerful, where poverty and unemployment destroy lives.

God of Hope, you continue to call us to work for Peace in our world, broken and wounded by injustice, violence, and indifference. Alone, we are overwhelmed by challenges but together, and inspired by your Spirit, we can prevail...
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God our Father, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to yearn through prayer for the coming of your Kingdom. You are able to accept in us what we cannot acknowledge; to name in us what we cannot bear to speak of; to hold in your memory what we tried to forget. Teach us to pray together to resist the evil and oppression by our non-violent actions and love for one another. May your Son’s earthly life be the model for our own, as we recognize your presence and guidance through all our joys and tribulations.

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